

Confederate States of America



Charles T. Lowndes Esq
President Bank of Charleston
Greenville
S.C.

War Rest near Greenwood, S.C.
April 14, 1865

Charles T. Lowndes, Esq.
Pres't. Bank of Charleston, S. Ca.
Greenville.

Dear Sir-

Agreeable to my promise I send you a few lines; to intimate, that in the present difficulty of securing the attendance of the Directors of our Bank, and as far as it is in my power legally; I authorize yourself, I. N. Cheesborough, Esq. & A. G. Rose, Esq. or such Directors, as may be present, in the event of any emergency, or difficulty occurring, to adopt such a course, and take such steps, as will be necessary, in conducting the affairs of the Bank and the security of its assets.

I take the opportunity of saying that at any time, where you may desire my services of the least moment to the Bank, as one of its Directors, a line or a message from you, will render it not only a duty but a pleasure to be with you, as soon after I am apprised of your wish, as it may be practicable for me to reach the place of meeting.

I think you will find on close examination of the law, and general usage, that a Director of a Bank, that is a Representative chosen by the stockholders to manage its affairs, cannot by his Proxy, delegate the Trustee.

With my sincere wishes for your success, in conducting the affairs of our Bank and for your personal happiness, I am,

Very Respectfully Truly

Yours

Wm. M. Lawton